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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 19 August 1994. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 1 August 1994, at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Organizational and other matters.

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8. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

9. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

10. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the forty-fifth session.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session: Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 48/120)

The Committee will continue its consideration, begun at its forty-fourth session, of this agenda item. At its forty-fifth session, the Committee may formulate recommendations to the forthcoming meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies.

For its consideration of this item the Committee will have before it General Assembly resolution 48/120 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/19.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-fifth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/265). As may be noted from part A of that document, reports or information received from 13 States parties are pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

The following timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties at the forty-fifth session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-fourth session.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee as follows:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 2 August	
Canada	Eleventh (CERD/C/210/Add.2) and twelfth (CERD/C/240/Add.1) periodic reports, due in 1991 and 1993 respectively
Wednesday, 3 August	
Canada	(Continued)
Senegal	Ninth and tenth periodic reports, due in 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/209/Add.7)
Thursday, 4 August	
Senegal	(Continued)
Egypt	Eleventh and twelfth reports, due in 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.13)
Friday, 5 August	
Egypt	(Continued)
Iceland	Tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.12) and thirteenth periodic report (CERD/C/263/Add.2), due in 1994
Monday, 8 August	
Luxembourg	Sixth and seventh periodic reports, due in 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/206/Add.1)
Sudan	Additional information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention (CERD/C/222/Add.2)
Tuesday, 9 August	
Sudan	(Continued)
Spain	Tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.11)

Wednesday, 10 August	
Spain	(Continued)
Israel 1/	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Thursday, 11 August	
Israel	(Continued)
Australia	Ninth periodic report due in 1992 (CERD/C/223/Add.1)
Friday, 12 August	
Australia	(Continued)
Nicaragua	Fourth periodic report (CERD/C/128/Add.1) considered at the 818th meeting in 1988 (CERD/C/SR.818)
Sri Lanka	Second periodic report (CERD/C/126/Add.2) considered at the 764th and 765th meetings in 1986 (CERD/C/SR.764-765)
United Republic of Tanzania	Sixth and seventh periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/131/Add.11) and considered at the 817th meeting in 1988 (CERD/C/SR.817)
Barbados	Seventh periodic report (CERD/C/131/Add.13) considered at the 890th meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.890)
Bolivia 2/	Fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports (CERD/C/107/Add.1 and Add.5) submitted on 27 June 1983 and considered at the 658th meeting in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.658)
El Salvador 2/	Initial and second periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/86/Add.3) on 11 July 1983 and considered at the 659th meeting in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.659)
Peru 2/	Seventh periodic report (CERD/C/117/Add.7) submitted on 15 July 1985 and considered at the 760th and 761st meetings in 1986 (CERD/C/SR.760-SR.761)

Friday, 12 August (Continued)

Afghanistan 2/	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.3) submitted on 20 July 1984 and considered at the 718th and 719th meetings in 1985 (CERD/C/SR.718-SR.719)
Trinidad and Tobago 2/	Sixth periodic report (CERD/C/116/Add.3) submitted on 7 January 1986 and considered at the 782nd meeting in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.782)
Somalia 3/	Second, third and fourth periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/88/Add.6) on 31 July 1984 and considered at the 728th meeting on 6 August 1985 (CERD/C/SR.728)
Chad 2/	Fourth periodic report (CERD/C/114/Add.3) submitted on 4 November 1986 and considered at the 838th meeting in 1989 (CERD/C/SR.838)

Monday, 15 August

Burundi 4/	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Rwanda 4/	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Papua New Guinea 5/	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

6. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to discuss follow-up action pursuant to the concluding observations adopted by the Committee at its forty-third session and decisions taken at its forty-fourth session in regard to the situation in the former Yugoslavia.

7. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

8. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/266) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

9. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep the decade on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-fifth session, the Committee will have before it Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1994/9 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and 1994/64 on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

10. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly

In accordance with rule 62 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall report annually to the General Assembly as provided for in the Convention. At its forty-fifth session, the Committee will adopt its report to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Notes

1/ See decision 1 (forty-fourth session).

2/ At its forty-fourth session, the Committee decided to proceed with a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports were excessively overdue and which had requested postponement of the review at a previous session and promised to submit a report. In the absence of the promised report, the review will be based on the last reports submitted by the State party concerned and the consideration of those reports by the Committee.

3/ See A/47/18, para. 225.

4/ See the concluding observations adopted by the Committee at its forty-fourth session.

5/ See A/48/18, paras. 570-573.